

# FIU College of Medicine Fast Facts

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Florida International University College of Medicine, South Florida's only public medical school, is transforming the future of public health and educational opportunity in the region.

Created in 2006 amid pressing community health concerns and a projected critical shortage of physicians nationally, the College of Medicine is developing a curriculum that reflects an innovative, 21st century approach to health care and medical education.

The medical school will provide quality, affordable medical education and educate physicians who are culturally sensitive to South Florida's diverse demographics. It will help advance South Florida's health care dynamic by facilitating improved access to first-rate medical care among our medically underserved populations and spark an economic impact that will eventually reach more than \$1 billion each year.

## Progress Report

- FIU College of Medicine is ahead of schedule: Approximately 50 faculty members have been hired, including 14 of the 15 department chairs. In addition, the College has 80 volunteer faculty members. Curriculum for the first two years is complete; years three and four are being developed.
- More than \$44 million in gifts have been committed, including a historic \$10 million gift from Benjamín León Jr. and family, of Leon Medical Centers.
- FIU has partnered with Jackson Memorial Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Miami Children's Hospital, Mount Sinai Medical Center and Leon Medical Centers.
- The Florida Legislature appropriated \$5.47 million for the College of Medicine in 2007, \$6.2 million in 2008 and FIU is requesting \$11 million from the Legislature for 2009.
- The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) granted preliminary accreditation to the FIU College of Medicine in February of 2008.
- FIU and the Florida Department of Health have signed an agreement intending to relocate the

department's Miami-Dade headquarters to FIU-University Park. The \$27 million, 94,000-square-foot building is set for completion in 2010.

- Miami-Dade County has committed \$10 million for an ambulatory care facility at the FIU College of Medicine.
- Received 3,332 applications for 40 seats in inaugural fall 2009 class. In 2012, FIU College of Medicine will have more than 120 students.

## Economic Impact & Development

- Annual economic impact > \$1 billion
- Projected \$78 million in state revenue every year
- Cost = \$27 million/year once fully operational
- 8,000 – 11,000 new jobs in Miami-Dade County
- Annual tuition: approximately \$25,000 (in-state) and \$50,000 (out-of-state).

## A New Paradigm in Medical Education

- FIU will offer an innovative curriculum to train culturally competent physicians.
- FIU will adopt medically underserved neighborhoods and send in medical faculty, students, nurses, psychologists, etc. One example of this is the Neighborhood HELP program.

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